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In Brief

Key Spouse Group teas

The Air Force Key Spouse Group has scheduled two upcoming teas. First is the "Non-Taxing Tea Time," April 18, from 7-8 p.m. at the Four Seasons (old NCO Club.) Second is the "Spring Tea," May 11 from 1-3 p.m., also at the Four Seasons. For more information, contact the Key Spouse Group through E-mail at key_spouse@yahoo.com, or contact Mrs. Nancy Bossi at bossi_family@yahoo.com or call Mrs. Jeanne Racquier at 410-305-0248.

Wanted: combat rescue officers

The Air Force is looking for men interested in becoming combat rescue officers. Applicants must be male officers or male enlisted candidates who meet Officer Training School entry requirements and must be able to do 50 situps, eight chinups, 50 pushups, 50 flutterkicks, a 25-meter underwater swim, a 1,000-meter swim in 26 minutes, and a 1.5-mile run in 10.5 minutes.

Trainees complete combat diver school, parachute training, pararescue school, medical training and military-tactics training. Applicants may contact Lt. Col. Thomas Phillips at DSN 223-5544 or at thomas.phillips@pentagon.af.mil for more information.

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Pentagon Reconstruction: Triumph Over Terrorism



Department of Defense Photo

Reconstruction of the Pentagon continues as a countdown clock tracks the time remaining until Sept. 11, 2002.

by Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—Six months after terrorists slammed a hijacked jet into the Pentagon, the charred, gaping hole in the building is gone and new five-story walls have risen from the ashes.

Two American flags fly atop towering yellow construction cranes more than 150 feet above the site where 184 persons died. Whenever work crews reposition the cranes, these banners of freedom take the lead, ruffling in high winds overhead.

To many, restoring the Pentagon has come to symbolize the nation's resolve to win

the war against global terrorism. Pentagon officials and construction workers alike intend to have finished the most visible reconstruction by Sept. 11, 2002, renovation project manager Lee Evey told the press in a recent update briefing.

"We want to have people back in the building on E Ring, where the aircraft impacted, by Sept. 11 of this year," he said. "We want them to be sitting at their desks performing their mission."

Everyone associated with the project, he said, wants to bring the building back as quickly as possible. "That's our goal, and

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In these changing times - Where are we going?

by Col. Harold J. Beatty

70th Intelligence Wing Commander

"Where are we going?" I know this sounds like a simple question, but if you are anything like me, it's a question you probably ask yourself more than you might imagine. "Where are we going?" – More than six months since the terrorist attacks of September 11, we see our nation settling into a way of life that involves increased security almost everywhere.

Well into our second year as an Air Force wing, I can assure you that we are playing a key role in ever-increasing operations against terrorism around the world. But you may still be asking yourself, "Where do I fit into all of this? – Where am I going?" No matter what question you ask, I hope you know that I, along with the leadership of the Air Force, am proud for the time, sacrifice and dedication you have given to your country.

Whether you are a young airman coming to the end of your first enlistment, someone coming off "Stop-Loss," or someone who is



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stepping into retirement, I hope you understand you have aided this nation during some of the most trying times in history.

For those of you who leave early; remember the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserves are looking for experienced warriors. I can think of no better opportunity to further your career and serve this great nation than staying "Blue" in this capacity. But where does that bring me? Where am I going? After more than 35 years

as an Air Force member, including almost 13 years of enlisted service, I will retire this fall. What does that mean to me? Well, like many of you, I now have to think about my future and the value of programs like the Transition Assistance Program and other key programs that help military members settle into a new civilian life-style.

Like most of you, I don't have any absolute answers, but I do have one bit of guidance. We have a strong infrastructure, both in the wing and throughout Air Force. Don't be reluctant to get with your supervisors, commanders and other experts and make the answers to the, "Where are we going?" question a little clearer.

No matter what decision or direction you take, make the time to think out every option, ask every question and most of all remember, you are a member of the greatest military service and units in the world — The United States Air Force and the 70th Intelligence Wing.

Commander's Action Line

A direct link to the 70th Intelligence Wing Commander

An action line is a monthly column designed to address the questions and concerns of members of the 70th Intelligence Wing.

The column is intended as a forum to support individual concerns and should be used in conjunction with the "Chain of Command," Inspector General, Chaplain, or other professional means.

Try to resolve issues and problems at the lowest level possible. If you feel you are not getting satisfactory results, you may direct your concern to this forum.

Questions and concerns must be accompanied with a complete name, phone number or e-mail address for official responses. Those without names or contact information will not be printed, but will receive the commander's attention. Action items can be brought into the public affairs office in building 9805, room 212 or e-mailed to 70iw.pa.allpersonnel@ft-meade.af.mil

Look for an Action Line hot button on the 70 IW web page.



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Col. Beatty shares recent safety concerns

To help combat an alarming trend in fatalities within Air Combat Command, Feb. 6 was designated as a day to revisit our attitudes on safety matters. I encourage everyone to take a moment to read this message and remind themselves of the importance of personal risk management -- to include safe driving.

A sharp increase in fatal motor vehicle mishaps in ACC has underscored the inherent dangers of driving in winter weather. Winter weather means we all need to take extra precautions at home and when we drive.

The shorter daylight hours, use of heaters that may leak sleep/death-inducing carbon monoxide into the car, ice and snow on the roadways, and even ice and snow left on car windows make a dangerous, and sometimes fatal, combination. What made matters worse in the ACC accidents is that the drivers and passengers were not wearing seat belts.

Recent seatbelt surveys reveal an increase in the number of Air Force personnel who do not use seatbelts when traveling in government or private motor vehicles. Commanders and supervisors at all levels are expected to take immediate action to reverse this disturbing trend. Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4 states all personnel operating or riding in

motor vehicles shall wear seatbelts and the vehicle operator shall be responsible for informing passengers of the seatbelt requirement.

Additionally, failure to use occupant protection devices may be considered in making a line-of-duty determination for any injuries stemming from non-use of these devices on or off DoD installations.

Bottom line: military members are subject to line-of-duty determinations that may affect the degree of medical coverage or family compensation in the event of death that the federal government will provide. Members could be held liable for all or part of the medical expenses and legalities incurred from an accident when seatbelts are not used.

None of the recent fatalities involved any 70th Intelligence Wing personnel. We have been extremely fortunate, but we cannot get complacent because tragedy can strike suddenly if we do not guard against unsafe acts that can lead to death and injury.

Although we have not had a fatality, debilitating mishaps are on the rise across the wing. Within the 70 IW, there have been six Class C mishaps so far in Fiscal Year 2002, compared to five Class C mishaps in the entire first half of FY01. The FY02 mishaps included two on-duty mishaps (slipped on ice, horseplay on

duty), three Sports & Recreation mishaps (2 football, 1 rugby) and one off-duty miscellaneous mishap (particle in eye).

Another area of concern is pedestrian crosswalk safety. Pedestrians should always cross in painted crosswalks when they are available. In or out of crosswalks pedestrians must remain alert while crossing streets and ensure vehicle operators see them and stop before stepping off the curb.

Vehicle operators must obey the posted speed limit, clear all vehicle windows, and watch for pedestrians. These safety standards are "no-brainers" for most of us, but some haven't quite gotten the message. Be careful when crossing streets, whether in or out of painted crosswalks.

Finally, use common sense, employ good risk management and consider your personal safety before engaging in on- or off-duty activities. Give yourself some extra time to completely clear vehicle windows, allow extra space between cars on the roadway, and most importantly, give yourself and those whom you love one extra chance of surviving an accident: buckle up!

Col. Harold J. Beatty
Commander

Career Corner Pursuing 'Big Bucks'... Look Again!

Contributed by MSgt. Pete Rich
70th Intelligence Wing Career Advisor

The following is an article I recently received that gives some good advice to those making the decision to leave the Air Force in pursuit of the "big bucks" on the outside. In life we can learn from our own experiences or from the experiences of others. Often, the latter is less painful. Here is one man's take on his newly found riches in the civilian sector.

I recently separated from active duty to take on civilian life. I had many reasons for leaving after 13 years, but my pay was not an issue. I was a prior-enlisted lieutenant and was taking home enough to pay the bills and have quite a bit extra. My wife worked part time, so we could afford even more "luxuries."

I took a civilian job and thought I was getting a pay raise. Based on the form I got from the military every year -- the Personal Statement of Military Compensation -- I thought I was going to be doing pretty

well for myself. And with Reserve pay on top of that, well, I thought I was going to live high on the hog. And then my first civilian pay stub showed up ...

"How can this be?" I looked at the stub in amazement. My paycheck was quite a bit less than what I had been pulling down on active duty. No increase, no raise. I was in a state of numbness, in shock.

What had I done wrong? As an engineer, I thought I had the math down and was sure I would make more money.

Mistake No. 1

Pay periods. In the military, you get paid

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What can alcohol abuse cost you?

by Maj. Robie V. Hughes

694th Support Squadron
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No one ever expects to have an alcohol-related incident. Some people consider themselves just a victim of bad luck. They may say, "I was just in the wrong place at the wrong time." But as the "bad luck" continues so does the increased probability of a washed out military career. As the alcohol related incidents increase, the competitiveness for promotion and career opportunities of the individual decrease. Some people simply drink away their career potential.

Every day, alcohol related incidents happen that impact the lives of military members and their families. People get carried away with drinking games in the dorm, and military members end up with alcohol poisoning. Some people drink themselves to sleep, while others reach a state of medical unconsciousness. As blood alcohol levels increase, the anesthetic effect of the alcohol begins to put the brain stem to sleep. The eventual result can be death. The brain stem acts as a respiration control center, so when the alcohol level reaches a certain point the person simply stops breathing. Emergency medical care is required for those who aspirate on their own vomit, or stop breathing due to the high blood alcohol level.

Even more common are individuals going to nightclubs, drinking alcohol, losing their tempers and getting into fights. Heads get cut with bottles, fists get punched through walls, people try to drive back home and either crash or are stopped by police, and troops end up calling their first sergeants from jail during all hours of the night. Excuses are no longer acceptable for irresponsible behavior.

More and more, supervisors are paying closer attention to the drinking behaviors of their troops. Showing up to work while still under the influence of alcohol is not acceptable in any workforce, but especially in a position of public trust like an Air Force job. Even hours after your last drink, you could be under

the influence of alcohol. Here's an example: a technical sergeant lost a stripe and was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol when he tested positive for a blood alcohol of .12 during working hours. The technical sergeant consumed his last drink at 2 a.m. but still was under the influence of alcohol at 8 a.m. the next morning.

After a night out on the town, how many troops have escaped being caught under the influence of alcohol the next morning when they reported for duty? Think about how the consequences of being under the influence of alcohol could affect your job performance and safety – a job the American public expects us to conduct with professionalism and efficiency.

Would you want someone to perform a medical procedure on you, or your family members who was under the influence of alcohol? Would you want someone to drive you somewhere or handle your administrative paper work while they were under the influence of alcohol? How many people supervise their children while they are drinking? Would you hire a baby sitter that would drink beer while watching your children? We cannot and should not betray that public trust.

Alcohol is a tough problem that greatly impacts the quality of life for many families. It is estimated that each year alcohol costs the United States 100,000 billion dollars in medical, emotional, and work productivity. According to Kaiser (1994) among persons admitted to general hospitals, 20 to 40 percent have alcohol related problems. Alcohol affects almost every system in the human body. How has alcohol affected you? Look at the table below, and calculate how much alcohol really costs.

Am I saying you shouldn't drink? Not necessarily. But even responsible use of alcohol has its costs. As in many areas of life, before using alcohol one should do some risk management. There are costs and risks, which must be considered and weighed, and then we must modify our behavior accordingly. Think about it. What is your level of risk? What are the costs? Is it time to modify the behavior? What can alcohol abuse cost you?

How much do you spend on alcohol?

Drinking costs more than just the cost of the beverage. Consider the cost of each of the following items monthly, then multiply by 12 for your annual alcohol costs.

- ▶ Gas Money (to buy alcohol or to go out to drink)
- ▶ Cigarettes/Cigars/Pipes/Chew/Snuff/Dip
- ▶ Alcohol / Beer / Wine / etc...
- ▶ Mixers / Ice (whatever you mix drinks with)
- ▶ Parties at your place or ones you helped pay for (food/alcohol/movies/hotels/etc)
- ▶ Late-night trips to the drive through because drinking made you hungry
- ▶ Early morning breakfast after an all-nighter
- ▶ Impulse spending / bought or charged something (rounds for others, unnecessary items)
- ▶ Medical costs - hangover medicines, aspirin, tylenol, medical treatment (accidents, sick call), lost work time
- ▶ Guilt money (buying presents to make up for your actions/behaviors)
- ▶ DUI/DWI fines (accidents, repairs, lost strip, speeding tickets, increased insurance costs etc.)
- ▶ Repairs (broken windows, doors, punched walls, throwing objects)
- ▶ Divorce/Separation (child support, alimony, supporting two households, legal expenses)
- ▶ Quit drinking money (health spa's, hobbies, etc.)
- ▶ Bad checks/not paying bills due to spending too much money
- ▶ Cost of lawyer for legal problems related to alcohol related incidents
- ▶ Taxis, buses, due to not being fit to drive or loss of license
- ▶ Loss of promotion opportunities

What's your total cost? Can it even be measured in dollars?

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that’s our mission. We want to do it as efficiently and effectively. We also want to do it in as cost-effective a manner as we possibly can.”

A large digital clock at the site stands witness to that resolve. Illuminated red numbers display the hours and minutes remaining until the first anniversary of the attack. The clock bears the words, “Let’s Roll,” honoring the heroes who died in the skies over Pennsylvania to prevent further attacks on Washington.

“We’re counting down the days,” Evey said. “This gets to zero at 9:38 a.m. on September 11 of this year — just to remind everybody of our commitment and what we intend to do by that date.

As many as 1,000 workers a day have put heart and soul into rebuilding the nation’s historic military headquarters. At first they worked three shifts, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

As work progressed, managers cut the daily work force to about 600 workers, who now put in two 10-hour shifts a day, six days a week. “We didn’t want to continue to push these guys seven days a week, 24 hours a day, because we’re concerned that we could start to have accidents on the job,” he said.

“Our accident rate on our project is

extraordinary,” he noted. “We’ve spent well over 860,000 man-hours on the job. We’ve had one lost-time accident, which was a minor thumb injury that one of the workers experienced. That’s an extraordinary safety record.”

The first step in the undertaking was dubbed Project Phoenix. It involved demolishing about 400,000 square feet of the building. From the first day, Evey said, the work has consistently been weeks ahead of schedule, he noted.

Original estimates indicated that demolishing the damaged area would take up to eight months. “We managed to bring the building down in one month and one day, which is an extraordinary rate of building demolition,” Evey remarked.

Pentagon officials are striving to improve “force protection” should the building be subjected to similar threats in the future.

“We have interviewed everyone that we could find in the building who was in close proximity to the crash at the time that it occurred,” Evey said. “We’re learning as much from them as we possibly can with regard to the performance of the building and how we can improve it.”

Some changes are tiny, but very important, he said. “In a fire, for example, it is unlikely people are going to be standing upright, looking for exit signs over doorways.

You’re going to be on your hands and knees,” he said, “You probably won’t be able to see your hand in front of your face. If you’re underneath that exit sign, just eight or 10 feet away from it, it might as well be a hundred miles away, because you won’t be able to see it.”

To correct this, he said, workers are installing nonelectrical, glow-in-the-dark devices that can be placed at floor level so that a person on hands and knees can find the way out. “That doesn’t cost a whole lot. It’s not very sexy. It’s not very exciting. But it’s just very practical, and it seems to work pretty darn well,” Evey said.

Pentagon officials are also looking at ways to improve the sprinkler system, how to make the building more resistant to different types of attack, and how best to evacuate the building. Some new forms of protection had already been installed as part of renovation work under way at the time of the attack, he noted.

“Most people that were sitting in Wedge 1 on Sept. 11 had no idea that there were blast-resistant windows in that building,” he said.

“They had no idea that we had retrofit six-inch-by-six-inch steel members. They had no idea that we had put in Kevlar cloth to catch masonry fragments. Those things were invisible to them, but they operated very effectively.”

Operation ‘HART’: Helping Agency Response Team Info Card

LOOK for the signs:

- ▶ Withdrawn from friends/family/social activities
- ▶ Marital and relationship problems
- ▶ Disciplinary problems
- ▶ Hopelessness (i.e., “The world would be better off without me.”)
- ▶ Trouble concentrating
- ▶ Giving belongings away
- ▶ Change in sleeping habits
- ▶ Change in eating habits
- ▶ Drastic behavior changes
- ▶ Traumatic loss for individual
- ▶ Fixation with exotic weapons
- ▶ Preoccupied with death/dying
- ▶ Lose interest in their personal appearance
- ▶ Talk about committing suicide
- ▶ Strange euphoria following depression

Listen for the feelings:

- ▶ Don’t agree to keep your friend’s secret
- ▶ You can help by getting them help

Act! Find help:

- ▶ Discuss the problem openly and frankly
- ▶ Show interest and support
- ▶ Seek help from someone! Escort and stay with them
- ▶ Contact a minister, counselor, physician, commander or 1st. Sgt.

Be aware of your feelings:

Nearly everyone at some time in his or her life thinks about committing suicide. People having a crisis often perceive their dilemma as inescapable and feel an utter loss of control; however, most decide to live and realize the crisis is temporary and death isn’t. There is

no typical suicide victim. It happens to young, old, rich and poor.

Emergency numbers:

Army Community Services

301-677-5590

Fort Meade Military Police

301-677-6622

NSA Employee Services

410-712-4444

70 IW Readiness Center

301-688-4764

694 IG Life Skills Support Center

301-677-0162

70 IW Chaplain

301-677-0811

Crisis Hotline (PG County) 301-864-7161

Crisis Hotline (Montgomery) 301-738-2255

Crisis Hotline (Wash DC) 202-561-7000

Crisis Hotline (Howard Co) 410-531-6677

Eagle Warrior



A1C Danielle Klein

94th Intelligence Squadron

Years of Service: 2.3

Hometown: San Francisco, Calif.

Family: My parents currently live in Denver, Colorado. My younger sister, Laura is a Sophomore at the Air Force Academy.

Job title: Open Source Intelligence Researcher.

Primary duties and responsibilities: Research and write briefings for the wing staff. Last month my topic was the Abu Sayyaf terrorist group.

Most rewarding job aspect: Independence and responsibility.

Goals: Complete my bachelor's by the end of my enlistment.

Hobbies: Reading, dancing, going to the movies and traveling, when I get the time and the leave.

Favorite aspects of Fort Meade: It's very woodsy. I like the golf course.

What would you change about Fort Meade: It would be nice if the Dining Facility offered more vegetable dishes.

70th Intelligence Wing salutes ...

2001 Annual Award Winners

Eighth Air Force Intelligence Award Winners:

Outstanding Active Duty Intelligence Airman of the Year

SrA Laura Weaver, 301st Intelligence Squadron

Outstanding Enlisted Intelligence Contributor of the Year

TSgt. Windell Lewis, Jr., 94th Intelligence Squadron

373d Intelligence Group outstanding performers:

Company Grade Officer of the Year

1st Lt. Melissa Smith, 301st Intelligence Squadron

Senior NCO of the Year

MSgt. Elizabeth Quirk, 301st Intelligence Squadron

NCO of the Year

SSgt. Michelle Rotolo, 301st Intelligence Squadron

Airman of the Year

SrA Gary Redpath, 373d Support Squadron

Senior Technician of the Year (two winners)

SSgt. Jack Roberts, 301st Intelligence Squadron

SSgt. Jason Trepanier, 373d Support Squadron

Junior Technician of the Year (two winners)

SSgt. James Wiggins, 373d Support Squadron

SrA Laura Weaver, 301st Intelligence Squadron

Air Intelligence Agency Security Manager of the Year Award for 2001

SSgt Robert Landrey, 301st Intelligence Squadron

Air Intelligence Agency 2001 Communications and Information Professional Award

(Category: Civilian GS-8 and below)

Mrs. Kimberly Luckado, GS-6, 373d Intelligence Group Staff

Quarterly Award Winners

70th Intelligence Wing Quarterly Award Winners (October-December 2001):

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter

Capt. Brian Wickham, 70th Intelligence Wing Staff

SNCO of the Quarter

SMSgt. Robert Wyman, 694th Intelligence Group

NCO of the Quarter

SSgt. Ronald Carolino, 373d Intelligence Group

Airman of the Quarter

SrA Stephanie Mutti, 543d Intelligence Group

Junior Civilian of the Quarter

Ms. Patrice Andrews, 694th Intelligence Group

373d Intelligence Group Quarterly Award Winners (October-December 2001)

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter

Capt. Stacy Nelson, 373d Support Squadron

SNCO of the Quarter

MSgt. James Lane, 301st Intelligence Squadron

NCO of the Quarter

SSgt. Ronald Caolino, 301st Intelligence Squadron

Airman of the Quarter

SrA William Clark, 301st Intelligence Squadron

Senior Technician of the Quarter

SSgt. Jason Trepanier, 373d Support Squadron

Junior Technician of the Quarter

SSgt. James Wiggins, 373d Support Squadron

ALS class 2002-C

Congratulations to class 2002-C of the 70th Intelligence Wing Airman Leadership School who recently graduated.

John L. Levitow Award

Nathaniel Murphy, 91st Intelligence Squadron

Distinguished Graduate

Kenneth Hindman, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Academic Achievement Award

Jason Shelley, 70th Intelligence Wing

Leadership Award

Alan Farmer, 32nd Intelligence Squadron

Other Graduates

Lina Anderson, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Hillary Cole, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Christina Cox, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Richard David, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Thomas Fitton, 29th Intelligence Squadron

Clinton Krueger, 22nd Intelligence Squadron



Photo by SSgt. Kristina Brown

William Macbrien, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Kimbrel Martin, 70th Intelligence Wing

Erin McGlothlin, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Joanne Sneed, 29th Intelligence Squadron

Brian Unger, 694th Support Squadron

Chateau Venable, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

The next ALS graduation (Class 2002-E) will be May 2 at Club Meade. Tickets can be purchased through the students. For more information, call the school at 301-677-7069.

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24 times a year, or twice a month, as opposed to 26 times, or every two weeks, in most civilian jobs. For civilians, this means less per check, of course, but you do get two extra paychecks per year. Now I wish bills could come on a two-week cycle and not a monthly cycle.

Mistake No. 2

Federal taxes. The benefits of tax-free basic allowances for housing and subsistence can't be emphasized enough, and the more you make, the bigger the impact. If you go over the \$60,000 mark, watch out. You may jump up to the higher tax bracket. My federal income taxes almost doubled going from military to civilian.

Mistake No. 3

Medicare, Social Security, state tax, and local tax – all higher out here in civilian life.

Mistake No. 4

Health insurance. I knew this one

would cost me, and I had it figured in, but I hope I stay healthy, since each time I visit the doctor or dentist it's going to cost me. The compensation statement appears to overestimate this one, but, depending on the size of your family, how many times you get sick or how bad your teeth are, it may be right.

Mistake No. 5

Retirement plan and life insurance. I think I have a better retirement plan now, but I'm paying for it. Yes, I'm getting matching funds from my company, but that five percent missing out of my check sure does hurt. The compensation statement has you guess at what your retirement would be worth in the civilian world. It would vary based on your rank, but a safe bet would be at least one month's base pay per year.

Now, I'm paying twice as much for life insurance and getting half the benefit.

Had I known how much I was really making in the service, I might have overlooked some of the other issues. I was aware of the five factors I've cited here, but really didn't take into account the

cumulative impact. In my case, the raw compensation statement was off about \$10,000 a year. I don't blame the military for making this financial underestimate. I screwed up on my own, and all the data was out there and available.

And there are other benefits, too, such as leave time, the commissary, the base gym and much more. If you're thinking about getting out, you may be justified because not all grades and career fields are properly compensated. But if pay is one of your major reasons, take another look.

The intent of this article is not to open a great debate about civilian pay versus military pay, but rather to point out that such matters are not as black and white as some may think. Get all the facts out on the table before making critical career decisions. Don't overlook many of the benefits that we take for granted in the military. There's more to compensation than you think. You owe it to yourself to consider it all.

***The writer of this article is an Air Force Reservist and civil servant in Dayton, Ohio**

First Sergeants' Skate Party



'Look, all I want to know is do you or do you not have kiddie skates in a men's size 12?'



'Let go, Mom, I'm trying to skate here!'



'Look, everyone, no haaaaaaaands!!!'



Wipeout!

Photos by MSgt. Rick Corral